Special Environment Court in Orissa

374. SHRI RAMACHANDRA KHUNTIA: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Ministry of Environment and Forests has issued instructions to Open Special Court in Orissa, for quick disposal of environmental cases;

(b) if so, what steps has been taken by Government; and

(c) by when Special Court is likely to be set up?

THE MINISTER OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI T. R. BAALU): (a) The Ministry of Environment and Forests has not issued any instruction to open Special Courts in Orissa for quick disposal of environmental cases.

(b) and (c) Do not arise.

Environmental permission for Hotel at Puri

375. SHRI RAMACHANDRA KHUNTIA: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether any Private Company or foreign investors have been permitted by the Orissa Pollution Control Board, the Central Pollution Control Board to construct a big hotel near Konark Temple on Puri-Konark Sea Road; and

(b) if so, what understanding has been given by the proposed hotel authorities to discharge waste water and garbage?

THE MINISTER OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI T. R. BAALU): (a) No permission has been granted to any Private Company or foreign investors by Orissa Pollution Control Board or Central Pollution Control Board for construction of a hotel near Konark Temple on Puri-Konark Sea Road.

(b) Does not arise.